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(C) Embassy Tokyo Political-Minister Counselor Michael Meserve delivered reftel points to Afghan Ambassador Haron Amin on Thursday, June 26, 2008. Ambassador Amin said he would urge his Japanese contacts, as he has been doing up to this point, to make additional contributions to Afghanistan. Ambassador Amin approved of the joint approach to Japan, asserting that some Japanese leaders are resistant to unilateral outside pressure from the United States. To avoid the possibility of casualties and increase the chance of convincing Japan to participate in a PRT, Amin suggested they be offered Panjsher Province as an area to dispatch an SDF force. Amin described Panjsher as "completely peaceful...noting nothing has happened there," adding it is close to Bagram and easily supplied.

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